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Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the formation of the Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps. The corps will consist of effective teachers and practitioners who will provide on-site technical assistance and regional workshops for teachers and districts over the next 12 months. This team is an expansion of the Teacher-to-Teacher Workshops that have been offered in cities across the nation for the past two summers.

We are looking for teachers and school leaders who are using scientifically based research strategies and have data to demonstrate effectiveness. Trainers will share the research underlying these practices and their experience with implementing them in classrooms and schools. The goal of the Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps is to support district level professional development efforts by providing demonstrations by expert teacher and administrators of ways to improve academic performance through increased content knowledge and improved pedagogical skill. Participants should leave sessions with ready-to-use strategies and an understanding of why and when those strategies are effective.

Members of the Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps will be eligible to participate in workshops for teachers during 2005 and 2006. They will also be eligible to make presentations at the Department's summer workshops in 2006 and work with interested districts in ways that align with and support continuing district efforts during the school year and summer. Sessions in each site will be aligned to districts' academic goals and student data. It may be that a district's needs are best met with monthly in-service for its literacy coaches. It may be that a district wants the corps to work with secondary math teachers on several districtwide in-service days. Or, it may be that a district wants a series of Saturday offerings for its science teachers.

The members of the corps will also support participants through email mentoring, e-Learning presentations, webcasts and follow-up visits, some of which have already begun with the Teacher-to-Teacher workshop providers.

To apply for this corps, teachers must submit a complete proposal, which should include a PowerPoint presentation and handouts. Teachers may be asked to modify the presentation content for format for particular audiences

(teachers, administrators, or trainers) and district goals. In order to be considered for the Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps, proposals must be received by **October 10, 2005**. Please visit our <u>web site</u> for additional information about submitting a presentation.

For those teachers who are selected, the U.S. Department of Education will provide travel, accommodations, and a \$1,000 honorarium for planning, preparation, and participation for each training event. Teachers will have the flexibility to determine the level of their participation in workshops scheduled around the country during 2005 and 2006.

More information on the Department's <u>Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative</u> is posted on the web site. You may also wish to view the workshop sessions from our <u>e-Learning</u>. Forward any questions to <u>teacherquality@westat.com</u> or call (888) 831-1338.